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WILD SHOT HITS WOMAN IN BACK

VISITOR AT HOME
CARELESS WITH GUN

Victim in Hospital in Critical Condition—Man Bound Over to Grand Jury Charged With Carrying Concealed Weapons.

The result of what the victim and her family declare was an accident, a Medina woman is lying in a serious condition at Fairview hospital, Cleveland, where she was conveyed in an ambulance last Sunday night suffering from a bullet wound in the extreme lower extremity of her back.

The woman is the wife of George Felton, who resides on the north side of West Friendship street, between Vine and Medina streets.

The one responsible for the shooting is Louis Solomon, an acquaintance of the Feltons, who rooms at 319 Foundry street.

According to the story told by Felton, the circumstances attending the accident were substantially as follows:

Sunday night about 8 o'clock, Solomon came to the Felton home. He had been drinking and was somewhat exuberant. He entered the kitchen where the Feltons were and immediately began to exhibit his revolver.

Mrs. Felton became frightened and left the room. Solomon followed, telling her that there was no cause for alarm, as the weapon was perfectly safe. Apparently to reassure Mrs. Felton, Solomon declared that the gun would not discharge even if thrown on the floor, and simultaneously attempted to make good his statement.

As the gun struck the floor it was discharged, the bullet, a .38-caliber, striking Mrs. Felton in the back and penetrating to within two inches of the heart.

The unfortunate woman fell prostrate to the floor in excruciating pain.

According to Felton, both he and Solomon made a rush for the gun, the latter being unsuccessful. Felton states that it was his intention, because of his excitement and anguish at the time, to kill Solomon. The latter after gaining the revolver hastened from the house.

Dr. R. G. Strong attended the woman soon after the accident, but divining the seriousness of the wound, directed that she be taken to a hospital. She was removed to Fairview hospital, Cleveland, in Longacre's ambulance.

For a number of hours following her removal to the hospital, the attendants there gave but little hope for the woman's recovery. Later, however, she appeared to be gaining in strength, and on Wednesday it was stated that she would probably recover, unless serious infection developed.

On Tuesday a friend of Felton's notified the authorities that Solomon was getting ready to leave town. Officer Hange was detailed to arrest him. He did so just as Solomon was on his way to the depot to take a B. & O. train north.

Solomon was taken before Justice W. P. Ainsworth on Wednesday afternoon, charged with carrying concealed weapons. He pleaded guilty, and was bound over to the common pleas court under a bond of \$1,000.

In the event of Mrs. Felton's death, the charge will doubtless be changed to that of manslaughter.

Solomon is said to have a wife and children in the old country, but does not support them. He has been employed at the foundry.

RUBBER FACTORY WORK PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Up to the recent cold snap work on the factory of the Akron-Universal Tire & Rubber Co. has been proceeding rapidly.

The cement pillars which will support the superstructure are all in, as is the railroad siding of the Northern Ohio. The latter was completed on Friday of last week, and several cars of tile and sand, and one of lumber, that had been standing on another track some distance from the factory site, were promptly hauled over the new siding.

Contractor Kelley, held up by the inclement weather, returned to his home in Salem over the holidays and until such time as the weather conditions will warrant proceeding with the work.

The first consignment of lumber for the new plant was not up to specifications and will doubtless be returned. However, this will not delay the work, it is said, because the lumber received was of a finished kind and would not be used until the building was erected anyway.

Officials of the company express satisfaction with the progress thus far made, and still predict that everything will be in readiness for the production of tires and tubes by spring.

W. E. Case and other salesmen for the company report flattering contracts secured for the Medina product, and this fact taken in connection with the inflexible rule of the company to sell no tires to any company that does not take stock in the Medina company, is considered by the officials as an extremely favorable indication of the ultimate success and growth of the local concern.

ALPHA S. ADAMS DEAD

Miss Alpha S. Adams, for many years a teacher in the Lodi schools, and other schools in the county, died recently at San Jose, California. She went to California a number of years ago. Many relatives and friends live in Medina county.

MEDINA MAN IN AUTO WRECK NEAR SEVILLE

An automobile collision occurred last Friday night about a mile and a half northeast of Seville, resulting in considerable damage to both machines, but without injury to the occupants of either car.

The car going east was driven by H. C. Brunskill of Medina, director of the federal Cost Account Circle, Department of Agriculture, who was on his way to Barberton. The driver of the other car gave his name as H. Cadden, 796 South Main street, Akron. With the latter were two companions, whose names were not ascertained.

According to Mr. Brunskill, he was driving on the right side of the road, and as the other car approached he even turned out a little further. As he did so, Brunskill states, the driver of the other machine swerved it directly in the path of Brunskill's machine, and the collision was inevitable.

The wheels of both cars locked, one on Cadden's car being completely shattered and the fender smashed, while the wheels of Brunskill's car, while not broken, were forced well back by the bending of the axle, the fender also being crushed out of shape. Both cars were out of commission.

Brunskill declares that the occupants of the other car were under the influence of liquor.

B. & O. TRAIN KILLS TWO WADSWORTH MEN

Joseph Geller, 32, and Frank Lodge, 25, both of Wadsworth, were killed early Monday when their auto was struck by a fast B. & O. passenger train on a crossing at Sterling.

The men were returning to Wadsworth with a load of live hogs. The truck was hurled nearly a hundred feet down the track. The hogs were killed and the truck demolished.

The men were driving at a fair rate of speed it is believed, and attempted to cross the tracks ahead of the train.

Their bodies were found near the tracks. Both men were badly mangled. They were removed to an undertaker's morgue at Wadsworth. Geller and Lodge have lived in Wadsworth for a number of years and were well known.

Geller owned a meat market in Wadsworth. Lodge was employed by him as a helper. Geller leaves a wife and five children.

Lodge came to Wadsworth from Europe. He planned to buy a house and was to have sent for his sweetheart in Hungary next month.

SAFETY NUT & BOLT CO. CASE POSTPONED AGAIN

The trial of the Safety Nut & Bolt Co., which has been set for hearing in Cleveland courts repeatedly and as many times postponed, is about as uncertain now as it has been since action was brought some time ago.

The latest information concerning a hearing of the case was furnished by Attorney Joseph A. Seymour on Wednesday, who stated that the case had now been scheduled for the January term of court, and is expected to be called about the middle of the month. Attorney Seymour has been retained by the Medina stockholders in the Safety Nut & Bolt Co. to represent their interests.

The company disposed of a great deal of stock in Medina county and other neighboring counties about a year ago, and upon the representations made since by a former general manager of the company, the concern was recently placed in the hands of a receiver. The company is charged with profligate use of stock money and of misrepresentation in making its stock sales.

FREE OIL CO. ACQUIRES VALUABLE PROPERTY

What is known as the old Witter property on the southwest corner of North Court and North Friendship streets, which for the past few years has been in the possession of the Cleveland Southwestern & Columbus R. R. Co., was transferred to the Free Oil Co. of Medina on Wednesday of this week, the consideration being \$3500.

The local company has had an option on the property for some time, but the sale was held up because of a clause in the option to which the railroad company objected. The clause referred to gave the right to the Free Oil Co. to install a filling station on the corner facing the two streets. The railroad company finally accepted the clause and the transfer was promptly made.

It is the intention of the Free Oil Co., say the officers, to retain the present location of their office and station on the Yocum property on South Elmwood street, but to erect a filling station on the newly acquired property sometime the coming spring.

Concerning the old dwelling on the North Court street property, it is probable this will be offered for sale, it is stated.

Y. M. C. A. XMAS PARTY

The members of the Senior Group of the Medina village Y. M. C. A. held a very enjoyable Xmas party with their lady friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Root on Wednesday the 22d. The affair was in the hands of the program committee with Everett Randall as chairman. The evening included some informal program features, a number of games and contests, many of which were entirely new to the merry makers, and elaborate refreshments all provided by the boys themselves. The evening closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Root as hostess of the occasion.

GETTING READY FOR "MISS BOB WHITE"

THINGS MOVING FAST
FOR BIG PRODUCTION

Principals Selected, Parts Distributed, and First Rehearsal of Famous Musical Comedy Set for Thursday Night.

The announcement published in the Sentinel last week that the American Legion boys were soon to stage the famous musical comedy, "Miss Bob White", at the Princess theater, entirely with local talent, has elicited much favorable comment, not only for the fine animus which prompted the Legion members to the undertaking, but because of the pretentiousness of the undertaking itself.

During the week, those to whom the principal roles of the musical comedy will be intrusted have been selected, and are as follows:

Mrs. Lucille Long, Miss Lucille Offinier, Miss Anna Bigelow, Miss Helen Clark, Mr. M. F. Bryant, Mr. Fred Bohley, Mr. E. W. Barnes, Mr. S. H. Brainard, Mr. J. A. Seymour. Besides the foregoing about thirty other local people have enlisted to help the Legion boys put over this big production.

As previously stated the production will be given on two successive evenings, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 11 and 12.

Arrangements have been made with the J. B. Rogers Producing Co. to supervise the work, and representatives of the company were expected to arrive in Medina on Thursday evening of this week to arrange for the first rehearsals.

The net proceeds of the two entertainments will be added to the already substantial fund for the erection of the proposed community building.

"Miss Bob White" is familiar to music devotees throughout the land, and enjoyed a phenomenal run of two solid years in the metropolis with Raymond Hitchcock in the stellar role.

OHIO LEGION WILL BACK STATE BONUS

According to the state legislative committee of the American Legion of Ohio, there is an overwhelming sentiment among ex-service men and women for immediate action in the state on the subject of providing a state bonus for Ohio men who served in the World War.

Legislation to this effect will be drawn, and introduced during the coming session of the general assembly, and will have the backing of the American Legion.

The plans as outlined at a meeting of the legislative committee, gives a bonus of \$10 a month for each month of service, with a maximum of \$250, payments will extend over a period of nine months, and will cost the state about \$28,000,000, according to estimates of committee members.

Those entitled to the bonus, but who do not want it, may, as plans now stand, order the amount due to them to be paid by the state into any one of several funds for the betterment and promotion of the interests of former service men. Establishments of hospitals is one purpose to which the money may be put.

The method of providing the necessary finances for this bonus is now being worked out by the state legislative committee of the American Legion of Ohio, and the necessary legislative enactments and possible constitutional amendments will be prepared and ready for introduction before the general assembly during the opening week of this session.

A number of other states have already taken similar action and wherever it has been put to a vote of the people the proposal has carried.

COMMUNITY CONCERTS

Dates for the series of four concerts to be given by the Community orchestra during the next few months have been set, and are as follows:

Jan. 18, Feb. 22, March 29 and April 19. Soloists for these concerts are in the order named: Medina Male Quartet, Anna Bigelow, reader; Mrs. R. M. Long, soprano, Helen Clark, reader; Community choir of 150 voices; Mrs. E. C. Bigelow, soprano.

The concerts will be given at the Methodist church under the auspices of the entertainment committee of Community Council, for the benefit of the Community building fund.

Further information is advertised elsewhere in this paper.

WILL SELL ROAD BONDS

The Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday authorized Prosecuting Attorney Seymour to draft resolutions to sell bonds for improving the following roads:

I. C. H. No. 25, Sec. R, and Sec. L, in Guilford and Westfield townships; I. C. H. No. 32, Sec. K, in Medina, Gauger and Hinckley townships; County Road No. 10, Sec. A, in Liverpool township, and I. C. H. No. 291, Sec. N-R, in Litchfield township.

COMPANY DISSOLVES

The Wilt Oil Co., organized several months ago by a group of Medina men, has been dissolved, the decision having been made at a meeting of the directors and stockholders Monday night.

The purpose of the company when formed was to test for oil in Medina and vicinity with the hope of striking a profitable field. One well was sunk, which proved a dry one, and the speculative spirit of a number of stockholders at once began to wane.

WAR BETWEEN MILK COMPANIES RUMORED

BELLE-VERNON SAID TO
WANT HIDE OF N. O. M. P. A.

Reported Plan to Smash Organization By Refusal to Buy Product—Belle Vernon Invading Other Fields for Their Supply.

Has the Belle-Vernon Co., of Cleveland, the largest milk buyers in this section of the country, declared war on members of the Northern Ohio Milk Producers' Association? And if so, will they be able to accomplish the fulfillment of their plans, which calls for the ultimate smashing of this organization of milk producers by a no less effective method than refusal to buy their product?

These two questions have been bothering several Medina county producers, according to one large milk dealer, who professes to a disposition to believe that the reports of restricted buying are part of a well-laid plan and not wholly through lack of demand.

During the past two years the membership of the Northern Ohio Milk Producers' Association has increased to such an extent that they were able to meet the Belle-Vernon Co., on a 50-50 basis, when it came to fixing wholesale milk prices from month to month.

At the same time there has been a shortage of milk during most if not all of this time, and any surplus was immediately absorbed by several large condenseries.

Due probably to this combination of circumstances the members of the milk association have received a higher price for their product than producers in the Pittsburgh district or even those in the Columbus area.

According to the story, all is now to undergo a change. No milk is being used at the condenseries, and the Belle-Vernon Co. is reported to be reaching new fields of supply along the Lake Shore out of Cleveland, and even by going deep into the Pittsburgh area. As the supply is increased there, the demand will be decreased here.

What effect this policy, if pursued for any length of time, will have on the local producers is a matter of conjecture, and will probably be strenuously contested by the milk producers' association.

It is a fact, however, that for some time past, the Medina County Creamery Co. has been buying the bulk of its cream from the vicinity of Columbus.

BANDITS BIND AND ROB COPLEY MAN

John Ott, 50, butcher and meat dealer, was beaten, gagged and bound to a chair in his store at Copley, early Tuesday night by two armed bandits who robbed him of \$500 and escaped. Ott is a bachelor and lives alone over his store. His head was cut by the blow, evidently made with a piece of iron pipe. He spent the night in a vain struggle to loosen the bonds that held him to the chair. He was nearly exhausted when he was found by a customer in the morning, and untied from the chair.

No trace of the bandits had been discovered up to Thursday.

GRAND AND PETIT JURIES FOR JANUARY COURT TERM

The list of grand and petit jurors for the January term of Common Pleas court were drawn last week, and are as follows:

1. Wallace Daniels, Harrisville.
2. J. A. Kruggel, Chatham.
3. C. Billman, Spencer.
4. E. L. Plank, Lodi.
5. P. C. Kellogg, Medina.
6. Albert Clement, Brunswick.
7. L. W. Vaughn, Brunswick.
8. John DeLong, Homer.
9. B. R. Turner, Litchfield.
10. B. F. Mitchell, Wadsworth.
11. Chas. Waltz, Sharon.
12. C. Sears, Litchfield.
13. J. E. Murray, Seville.
14. G. L. Dutt, Wadsworth.
15. John Pierce, York.

Petit Jury—returnable Jan. 24, 1921.

1. John Walker, Guilford.
2. Carl Jackson, Lodi.
3. Arthur Frambach, Litchfield.
4. Clark Reinhardt, Medina.
5. Ward Raw, Sharon.
6. Clair I. Miller, Granger.
7. W. Evans, Brunswick.
8. Paul Anderson, Medina.
9. E. E. Spitzer, Chatham.
10. Harold Ziegler, Medina.
11. Blake Hendrickson, Medina.
12. G. E. Tillotson, Brunswick.
13. A. J. Bauders, Lodi.
14. Elmer Lyle, Wadsworth.
15. John E. Maytham, Lafayette.
16. G. A. Simon, Seville.
17. B. H. Morrell, Chatham.
18. Fred J. McKee, Hinckley.
19. L. L. Hummel, Homer.
20. Chas. Parmalee, Lodi.

NEW SKATING RINK

A permanent roller skating rink will be running in Medina in about two weeks, according to information given out by the promoters, H. F. Orr and Will Gates.

The huge barn on the Orr property on North Elmwood street is being remodeled to serve as the rink. The floor will be of hard maple, with an area 36x70 feet.

Messrs. Orr and Gates state that the rink will be turned over to the high school certain afternoons of each week for playing basket ball.

DIPHTHERIA BACILLUS PAGED AT LITCHFIELD

What may have been the source of many diphtheria cases in Litchfield township is believed to have been located and properly treated, and the occasion for any further anxiety with this regard removed.

The early part of last week County Nurse Hanna "cultured" about thirty different persons in Litchfield Center to ascertain if possible if there were any there who are classed by the medical profession as carriers. Such ones, while not having the disease themselves, are so constituted that they may at the same time have in their throats the diphtheria bacillus.

Of the thirty persons examined only one disclosed a positive culture, that one being Mrs. Ida Baisch, wife of William Baisch, who conducts a meat market and bakery at Litchfield, and reside in rooms above the store.

The character of the culture was determined by state chemists at Columbus, notification of which was received by County Nurse Hanna on Friday. Mrs. Baisch was immediately quarantined at the home of her mother, a mile east of Litchfield, while Mr. Baisch and the store underwent a thorough fumigation, and County Nurse Hanna and the health authorities pronounce conditions with respect to the above named persons and locality as being entirely free now from contagion.

MOMENTOUS TIME AT WEYMOUTH ON XMAS

Perhaps at no previous holiday season have the people of Weymouth enjoyed more delightful public service than the ones given at their church on Thursday night of last week and on Sunday night.

On the former occasion a huge Christmas tree adorned the auditorium and was loaded with presents and treats. There was singing and speaking, and the program from beginning to end was excellent.

The entertainment was due to the joint efforts of the church and teachers of the school, upon whom is reflected much credit for the success of their combined ingenuity and labor.

On Sunday evening the choir of St. Paul's church of Medina gave a concert the quality of which requires no special mention. The work of these talented musicians is always good.

Rev. R. K. Caulk, rector of St. Paul's, who has conducted a religious service at the Weymouth church every Sunday night for a long time, was generously remembered by the Weymouth church people, with a substantial sum of money and an ample load of provisions.

There was a large attendance on both evenings.

SUGGESTS FARMERS' DAY AS NATIONAL EVENT

Why not have a "Farmers' Day" as proposed by "Put" Sandles, the wide-awake secretary of the National Farm Congress?

Who is better entitled to take a day off once a year than the farmer and the farmer's wife? Who could make a better use of such a day than they might?

Why not have a general getting together after the wheat is harvested and before seeding begins; after the corn and cotton are laid by and before cotton picking begins, to discuss the great and constantly-growing problems that perplex the farmer?

Why not have a nation wide farmers' picnic every year, with "A Better Life on the Farm" as its slogan?

Why not?

COSTS 92 CENTS TO GO TO CLEVELAND NOW

Beginning last Sunday morning a further increase of 4 cents was added to the interurban fare from Medina to Cleveland. This latest addition, together with an additional cent for war tax, brings the fare to 92 cents.

No part of the increase goes to the railroad company, however, says Agent James Newton, but is gobbled up by the city transportation companies. The latter have always combated the entrance into the downtown district of the interurban lines, claiming that they interfered with the city car traffic, and it is believed by many that the arbitrary additions to urban fares is done for no other purpose than to discourage traffic from that source.

MORE TAG MONEY COMES

County Auditor Washburn received this week another installment of money from the State Department for auto tag sales amounting to \$1,904.73, and apportioned as follows:

County, \$1,198.74; Leroy village, \$9.40; Lodi village, \$143.48; Wadsworth village, \$158.63; Medina village, \$351.11; Seville village, \$43.37.

Financial reports, as well as a copy of auto registrations, are supposed to be sent to county auditors monthly, but for some time this rule has not been observed. The delay, specially with reference to the registrations is a source of great inconvenience to many citizens of the county, who are frequently compelled to consult them, and County Auditor Washburn recently filed a complaint with State Registrar A. G. Snow. The latter offered the explanation that the delay had been caused through a contest of validity of the automobile law, by which the work of his department had become clogged. After the present month, according to Snow, there will be no further delay.

GOVERNOR HOLDS UP RE-APPRAISAL

PROPOSED MEASURE
WIDELY PROTESTED

Meetings to Be Held Throughout the State to Give People Opportunity to Gain Full Information of the Plan.

The resolution passed by the General Assembly on Nov. 24, for the re-appraisal of real estate in sixty-one counties of Ohio, including Medina county, aroused such a storm of protest among farmers' organizations and in the rural communities affected that Gov. Cox has asked the Assembly to withhold the final order to re-appraise until the State Tax Commission makes a re-survey of land values in the disputed counties, and to afford full opportunity for tax-payers, public bodies and all interested parties to be heard.

Gov. Cox suggested that several days be devoted to such hearings, and that notice be communicated through the public press in such a way that the citizens generally may have full information thereof, and may be able to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded.

The resolution passed by the Assembly Nov. 24, recited that, in the counties in which reappraisal was ordered, real estate was on the tax duplicate at as low as 45.6 per cent. of its true value in money, and that in many of these counties there had been no reappraisal since 1910.

In his letter to the commission Gov. Cox, recommending that a re-survey be made, calls attention to the fact that "the data on which the commission acted was accumulated from a study of conditions as they existed in 1919".

"It is a matter of common knowledge," the letter says, "that in no year in the history of the state have values manifested such a lack of stability as they have during the past twelve months."

"Might it not be desirable in view of this to cause a re-survey to be made before taking definite and final action in the issuance of the order of re-appraisal?"

Should the commission adopt the suggestion of postponement of final action until a re-survey, based upon public hearing, could be made, the question will probably go over until the new administration comes into power.

Since the above was written the Ohio Tax Commission has amended its resolution of Nov. 24 ordering a re-appraisal in sixty-one counties, by striking Jackson county from the list, and assigned the resolution for further action on Feb. 1. The commission provided that the week of Jan. 17 be set aside "for the purpose of open hearing to all persons either in favor of or opposed to such reappraisal."

14TH DISTRICT MAY LOSE SUMMIT COUNTY

If Ohio's Congressional representation is increased, which now seems likely from discussion in the lower house the past week favorable to the plan, it would not be surprising if the fourteenth district, comprising Medina, Summit, Lorain and Portage counties, was divided.

The fourteenth district, now represented by Martin L. Davey, Democrat, is said to be the most populous district in the United States, and Summit county, containing Akron and suburbs is populous enough to comprise a district in itself.

Changes in several other districts of Ohio were also discussed, the principal one, however, if any are made, being in Cuyahoga county, which now, with Geauga county, comprises three complete districts. Cleveland's substantial growth during the past decade entitles the city to another representative, at least, and a complete rearrangement of all the present district boundaries is regarded as a certainty.

FARMERS PLANNING TO KEEP UP GRAIN PRICES

It has been currently reported of late that Medina county farmers are considering forming a new organization, the purpose of which is to market their crops in an effort to keep up prices.

If the plan is successful a grain elevator will be erected, it is said, to which the farmers will send all their grain, none of which will be sold below the price agreed upon by the organization.

Should a farmer need money on his grain when it is put into the elevator, paper will be issued on it which will be negotiable at any bank. This system, it is reported, is being successfully worked out in other places.

The forming of such an organization would be the first step toward grouping the farmers of Ohio effectively, and eventually the whole middle west, it is pointed out.

WESTFIELD WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Mary Steele, wife of Clyde A. Steele of Westfield township, died on Wednesday morning of last week, after gradually failing health following an operation for appendicitis about four months ago. Of her immediate family she is survived by the husband and one daughter. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McGlenan, reside in Creston. The deceased was well known in the community where she resided and vicinity, and was possessed of a wide circle of friends.